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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Our Regular Correspondent Writes From the National Capitol.

The message of President Roosevelt to congress, suggesting means to promote foreign trade is in line with his well-known views regarding the consular service. The next four years will doubtless witness such a strengthening and bracing up of this service as has never before been known. The consular service of the United States is one of the weakest, if not the very weakest, branches of our civil service. The unfit men who have been sent abroad to represent us in a commercial and semi-diplomatic capacity are perhaps the very worst sent by any government for that purpose. A majority of them have not even known how to speak the language of the country to which they were accredited. A consul sent to Cadiz, Spain, a few years ago, was not in the habit of wearing a collar in this country, and considered it effeminate and un-American to wear one. He chewed tobacco incessantly and was one of the most slovenly slipshod men of his class. Doubtless there is much truth in Burns' lines that "a man's a man for a' that," but was not the man that was under consideration—it was the consul—the person who represented us in an alien country, among people who had been educated for ages to consider dress, bearing and the graces the end and aim of life, and who measured and judged our country by our representative. This consul to the old and aristocratic port of Cadiz was doubtless an extreme type, but we have many consuls abroad who are better only in degree. They have been appointed without regard to fitness—but on account of kinship or because of some political service rendered. They have never traveled and it is rare that they know the language of the country to which they are sent. When it is considered that these consuls of ours have to compete with the debonaire educated and polyglot consuls that England and Germany send abroad, we have before us the reason why those countries take trade away from us in South America, Mexico, Cuba and other lands.

The president in his message recommends that six commercial attaches shall be sent to various foreign localities to promote trade. Each one is to receive a salary of \$5,000 a year exclusive of traveling expenses, and it is estimated that the total expense of maintenance will be annually \$50,000.

There is a promise of important and far-reaching improvement in the strengthening of our whole foreign service in the interest of trade and the gradual development of our foreign trade capacity. For many years agriculture in the United States has provided, through the demand from abroad for our surplus crops and more home market, great as it is, and are now looking more and more for foreign markets.

We do not pay our foreign ambassadors or ministers abroad as much as other countries, or as much as ministers from these countries accredited to the United States, but recent administrations have been taking advantage of the fact that these places are eagerly desired by rich men, and Presidents Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt have all favored the policy of giving our multimillionaires a chance to die poor by appointing them ambassadors.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid has been in Washington for ten days, entertained

by Captain Cowles, whose wife is a sister of President Roosevelt. Capt. Cowles was formerly an attache of the American embassy in London. Mr. Reid, as is well known, is to be appointed an ambassador to England. He was formerly ambassador to France. He has already secured Brooke House, Park Lane, London, as a residence. The property is a splendid one and owned by Lord Tweedmouth. It is the same house which Mr. Reid occupied for a month when he was accredited as special American envoy at the coronation of King Edward.

There is a merry war going on in Washington between the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Woman's Army and Navy League. Both organizations are advocating temperance, the former as opposed to the army canteen and the latter urging its reinstatement. The women of the Army and Navy League insist that the canteen is in the interest of sobriety, good morals, decency and health; that it furnishes an assembling point in camp or in barracks and prevents enlisted men wandering outside, dissipating and drinking themselves into the gutter and indulging in the worst types of debauchery. The argument of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is well known and is mainly to the effect that the government must in no sense be a saloon-keeper, or hand out in any shape or form the vile hell-broth—whether it is beer, whiskey, brandy, wine or cider.

Young Wife's Untimely Death.
One of the saddest deaths that has ever shocked this community was that of Mrs. C. E. Adams on last Tuesday morning. On Sunday she gave birth to a still-born child and on the following day she lapsed into unconsciousness from uric poisoning and every effort failed to revive her.

Ethel Marie Reid was born in Linneus, Mo., December 24, 1884, and died at her home near Laclede January 24, 1905. Since she was ten years of age her home has been with the family of A. H. Love in this city. To them she was as a daughter. She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church during a revival held during the pastorate of Rev. Dayhoff. She was received into full membership in the church by Rev. D. S. Smith.

December 25th, 1903, she was married to Clarence Adams. That she was loved and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances was evidenced by the large congregation present at the funeral services. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. L. Robinson, in the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, January 25. The sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved husband and relatives.

A Very Close Call.
"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by W. R. Barton. Price 50 cents.

Domestic Trouble.
It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25 cents at W. R. Barton's drug store.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

An oyster supper was given at the church in Forker Friday night, the proceeds being for the benefit of the Sudday-school at that place.

F. E. Smith has traded his 160 acre farm in Kingman county, Kansas, for a well-improved 80-acre farm eight miles east of Wichita, and expects to move to that place next month.

Geo. Climie, an ex-soldier of the Spanish-American war, has been admitted to the soldiers' home at Leavenworth Kan., on the grounds of permanent disability. He left for Leavenworth Wednesday.

The third number of the lecture course will be given at the M. E. church on Saturday evening, February 4. "Sunshine Hawks," the laughing philosopher, promises to be one of the best of the course.

The greatest system renovator. Restores vitality, regulates the kidneys, liver and stomach. If Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea fails to cure, get your money back. That's fair. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. W. R. Barton.

S. M. Wroe has bought the Ahrens 160-acre farm five miles southeast of Laclede and will move onto it next month. This is one of the best farms in the county and is well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Wroe's many friends are glad to know they are going to remain in Linn county.

J. Clair Lomax, the new camp clerk, now has the books of the Modern Woodmen, and the neighbors will hereafter call at the store of J. W. Lomax & Co. to pay their assessments. The January assessment must be paid on or before next Tuesday or the member stands suspended.

E. J. Conger, of the Linneus Bulletin, has bought the Marceline Mirror and will assume charge next week. Mr. Conger's interest in the Bulletin, which he retains, will be looked after by his brother, W. P. Conger. Ernest Conger is one of the best newspaper men in the state, and will make the Mirror a better paper than ever before.

Nearly one hundred BLADE readers have renewed their subscription this month, for which we are truly thankful. There are but few homes in Jefferson township where THE BLADE is not a welcome visitor each week and we certainly appreciate their patronage and loyal friendship, as well as the hundreds who receive the paper in other parts of the country.

In entertainments given by A. W. Hawks, the laughing philosopher, tears follow laughter. He tells funny stories, recounts pathetic incidents. He is without a peer; his facial expression is wonderful; no make-up. Mr. Hawks wears his store clothes and makes his own faces. He comes endorsed by the entire clergy and press of his state, Maryland. Mr. Hawks is the third number of the lecture course. In Laclede next Saturday night, February 4.

The first service in the new M. E. church was held last Sunday. The attendance was large, there being over two hundred at Sunday-school and many more at preaching. The furnishing is now nearly complete, the carpet having been put down this week. The building, as well as the furniture, is of modern design and arrangement, and is an improvement of which all our people are proud. It is expected that the dedication will be held next month, at which time THE BLADE will devote a page or more to a description and cut of the new building and other matter pertaining thereto.

Death of Thompson Sharp.

Thompson Sharp was born in Morgan county, Ohio, September 23, 1833; died January 22, 1905, at his home near Laclede. At the age of eleven, he removed with his parents to Linn county, Iowa, and in the year 1878 he came to Linn county, Missouri, where he resided until the time of his death.

He was married to Minerva L. Evans October 9, 1855. Seven children were the result of this union, three of whom survive to mourn his loss: Mrs. Carrie Chapman, of Massachusetts, Mrs. Lelah Swearingen, of Trenton, and Charles Sharp, of Laclede.

At the age of 23 he was converted and joined the U. B. church. For several years he was a local preacher, but failing health caused him to give up preaching for the last few years. His whole life was a shining example of Christianity. At the time of the civil war he went as a volunteer and served three years in Co. A, 31st Iowa.

For nearly a year his health had been failing, but it was only for the last two months that he gave up hopes of recovery. He was a patient sufferer and died in the triumphs of faith.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church Tuesday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robison, and the remains laid away in the Laclede cemetery.

A Farewell Surprise.

On Monday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith and family were surprised by a large party of neighbors at their home a mile west of Laclede. It was one of those delightful outbursts of old Missouri hospitality that show a warmth of heart and make life pleasanter for everybody, and was given as a demonstration of the esteem in which this family is held, as they are soon to leave for Wichita, Kansas, having sold their farm here and bought in Butler county. Games and music were the amusements of the evening, after which all partook of a delicious supper, brought by uninvited but welcome guests. There were seventy present.

A GUEST.

Isn't It True?
Old Mother Hubbard,
She went out and rubbered.—
New neighbors were just moving in.
"I'll just take a peep."
My, their furniture's cheap."
She said with a satisfied grin.
—Gerald Sullivan.

Winter Tourist Rate Colorado and Return, \$32.

Tickets via the Burlington to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, good returning until June 1, 1905, are now on sale daily for \$32.00. If you never thought of Colorado as a winter resort, I should like to talk with you about it. F. F. Pratt, agent

All new subscribers paying a year in advance for THE BLADE during February and March will be given the Kansas City Weekly Star one year free. The two papers for one year.

This is the time of year when farmers should see that they are fully supplied with harness to begin spring work. Don't depend on your old harness that must be repaired every day or two, but get a new set. O. F. Libby, Jr., the Laclede harness dealer, through THE BLADE, announces that he is selling 1½ inch team harness complete with leather collars for \$22.50. He has a large stock of everything in the harness line, and is making prices that will pay farmers to see him.

Settlers' Rates, via Burlington.

Very low one way second-class Settlers' rates to Southeast, in effect on following dates:
January 3rd, 17th; February 7th, 21st; March 7th, 21st, and April 4th and 18th.

For further information call on F. F. PRATT, Agent.

PETTITJOHN JOINS BOLTERS.

The Linn County Representative Moves into the Camp of Obstructionists.

The senatorial dead-lock at Jefferson City is still on. Three representatives have deserted Niedringhaus during the week and joined the Kerens following, one of them being Dr. Pettijohn of this county.

It is freely asserted that the doctor had been looking for an excuse to bolt ever since the caucus nomination was made, and when the state committee met last Monday and passed resolutions endorsing the regular republican nominee, he called it "cracking the party whip" and at once packed his grip and moved over into the Kerens camp and has been voting with the bolters every ballot since.

Thursday's ballot gave Niedringhaus 75; Cockrell, 79; Kerens, 12; Goodrich, 1; Tubbs, 1.

Meeting of Medical Society.

A regular meeting of the Linn county medical society was held in Laclede last Tuesday evening, there being present Drs. Owen, Evans, Howard, Standly, Haley and Cochran, all of Brookfield, and Drs. J. L. and F. W. Burke, of Laclede. Papers were read by Drs. Z. T. Standly, Haley, Evans and Owen, all on the subject of gall-stone. A general discussion of the subject followed the reading of the papers.

The following officers for the year were elected: Dr. Kathryn Standly, president; Dr. Cochran, first vice-president; Dr. Whaley, second vice-president; Dr. Howard, secretary, and Dr. J. L. Burke, treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Brookfield in April.

The Hawks Lecture.

Mr. A. W. Hawks delivered his famous lecture on "Sunshine" at the South Methodist church Tuesday evening, and to say that his audience was pleased is putting it light. Through all his wit and humor he interspersed rich jewels of thought, freighted with noble christian sentiment, leaving bright rays of sunshine in the hearts and lives of his hearers.—Republican, Mammoth Springs, Ark.

This lecture will be given in Laclede next Saturday night, February 4th.

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargertown, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. R. Barton's drug store.

Wonderful Nerve

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25c, at W. R. Barton, druggist's.

Team, Harness and Wagon for \$125.00.

Having rented my farm for the coming season, I will sell at private sale in Laclede three horses, one cow, one set word harness, two wagons, one 14-inch stirring plow, nearly new, one harrow and one cultivator.

2-4 W. S. SAVAGE.
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Notice.

Pay your taxes this month, as tax will take double penalty Feb. 1, 1905.

LEE E. HAMILTON,
Township Collector.